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# Stamas Has First Bill Signed Into Law as a Senator

*Legislation would ban state agencies from using 900 numbers*

**LANSING-** Senator Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced that Senate Bill 180, a bill he sponsored which would prohibit state government agencies and departments from using fee telephone numbers to charge callers who want to access public information, was signed into law last week by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Some state agencies, including the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, had been charging as much as \$1.50 per minute to access public information.

SB 180 is now Public Act 12 of 2003, indicating it is only the twelfth bill signed into law this year. It is also the first bill to be signed into law for Stamas since joining the Senate earlier this year.

“It is an honor to have a piece of legislation make it through the process this quickly,” said Stamas. “I think it shows just how important it is that public information should be free of charge to hardworking, tax paying citizens. I am happy my colleagues and the Governor agreed and saw fit to make this the law in such a timely fashion.”